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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY**

**ROOM 401
3 CAPITOL HILL
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2016
8:00 A.M.**

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jeffrey Dodge, DMD, Chairman
Stephen Puerini, DMD, Vice Chairman
Donald Williams, Secretary
Russell Chin, DDS
Caroline Danish, DMD
Kerri Friel, CDA, RDH, COA, MA
Eric George, DMD
Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed.
Martin Nager, DMD
Susan Perlini, RDH, BS
Robert Ricci, Ph.D.
Marian Royer, DMD
Maryellen Simas, RDH, BS, CDA, MSDH,

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kenny Alston, JD, Chief Legal Counsel
Linda Esposito, Board Manager
Sarah Harrigan, Chief

STAFF MEMBERS ABSENT

Sharon Friend, DMD, Board Administrator
Donna Valletta, Board Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Christy Durant, Esquire, RIDA
Lisa Wood, RIDA
Alan Lichtenfeld, DDRI
James Balukjian – DDRI
Robert Bartro, DMD, RIDA

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:20 a.m. on a motion by Maryellen Simas, RDH, and seconded by Stephen Puerini, DMD. Motion carried.

2. Chief's Report

Chief Sarah Harrigan provided an update to the Board on the progress of the proposed Rules and Regulations, in that they are currently ready to be sent to the Office of Regulatory Reform ("ORR"). Chief Harrigan also advised the Board that she is requesting that ORR by-pass the economic analysis portion of their process in an effort to get this matter expedited. Both Donald Williams and Martin Nager, DMD, expressed their concerns on behalf of the Board about the lengthy amount of time this process is taking.

3. Chairman's Report

- Communications
 - Chairman Dodge notified the Board that Martin Elson, DDS, resigned his position on the Board effective July 11, 2016. A motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Marian Royer, DMD, to make some type of presentation to Dr. Elson as thanks for his time in service to the Board. Motion carried.
 - September 7, 2016 Board Meeting is due to move forward as scheduled.
 - No additional topics for discussion at the September 7, 2016 Board Meeting were presented.
 - Chairman Dodge asked the Board for a vote to amend the agenda to include a brief report by the Board Manager. A motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Maryellen Simas, RDH, to so amend the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Board Manger Report

Board Manager, Linda Esposito, advised the Board that Board Manager, Donna Valletta, had accepted another position within the Department and would no longer be attending meetings as Board staff.

5. Board Administrator's Report

Board Administrator, Dr. Sharon Friend, was unable to attend this meeting, therefore, her update on Moderate Sedation Anesthesia Facility Permit inspections is continued until the September 7, 2016 Board Meeting.

6. Presentation of July 13, 2016 Open Session Minutes

After review, a Motion was made by Donald Williams, and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD, to accept the July 13, 2016 Open Minutes with requested amendments. Motion carried.

7. Review of Issued Licenses List

No licensee list was available for this meeting.

8. New Business

None for this meeting.

9. Old Business

Kerri Friel, CDA, requested that staff obtain follow-up information from Charma Waring, Supervising Radiologic Health Specialist, with regard to the drafted checklist for use in conducting Radiologic inspections in Dental offices. The requested form was provided to the Board Members prior to the end of the meeting.

10. Public Comment

None for today's meeting.

11. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by, Caroline Danish, DMD, and seconded by, Maryellen Simas, RDH, to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:45 a.m. pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Motion carried.

12. Motion to Return to Open Session

Motion was made by Maryellen Simas, RDH, and seconded by Stephen Puerini, DMD, at 11:30 a.m. to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

13. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- 2 Administratively Closed
- 4 No Unprofessional Conduct
- 1 Summary Suspension

14. Adjournment

The next Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Kerri Friel, CDA, and seconded by Caroline Danish, DDS, to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. Board voted unanimously to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Esposito
Board Manager
State of Rhode Island
Center for Professional Boards and Commissions
Board of Examiners in Dentistry